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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated May 19, 2009 (and English translation thereof) issued in a counterpart Japanese application ;
- (2) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated June 2, 2009 (and English translation thereof) issued in a counterpart Japanese application ;
- (3) Copies of cited foreign documents; and
- (4) IDS Form.

English translations of said Japanese Office Actions are provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP 609 III A(3)).

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JP Utility Model Application No. 01-075460 (cited in Japanese Office Action of May 19, 2009) correspond to JP Publication No. 03-015510.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from foreign patent offices in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Said Communications bear mailing dates of May 19, 2009 and June 2, 2009. Therefore, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(d).

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This paper is not a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 7, 2009. A response to said outstanding Office Action will be timely filed in due course.

It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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